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## JAPAN.

*Reports from Yokohama—Fatal case of plague at Nagasaki, imported from Formosa.*YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *May 26, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued at this office during the week ended May 24. Six bills of health were granted; 410 crew and 404 steerage passengers were inspected and passed; 77 steerage passengers were bathed, and 150 pieces of baggage were disinfected by formaldehyd. The port of Yokohama remains exempt from smallpox, cholera, and plague; 7 cases of enteric fever with no deaths and 2 cases of diphtheria with 1 death were officially reported during the past week.

Thanks to efficient quarantine measures, the Empire, excluding Formosa, may still be regarded as practically free from cholera and plague, though constantly menaced by invasion from the above island as well as Hongkong and Manila. On the 13th instant a pest death occurred at Nagasaki. The infection was contracted in Formosa and the circumstances as reported encourage the hope that no further cases will develop from this focus. The fragmentary reports available from Formosa show that plague still flourishes there. For example, as perhaps indicating the daily average, on the 22d instant a total of 17 new cases with 7 deaths was reported from various localities on that island; 12 of the new cases and 4 of the deaths occurred at Taipeh. It is reported that the Russian cruiser *Razboynik* entered Keelung (Formosa) on May 20, with 9 cases of cholera on board, 1 of which had proven fatal.

Respectfully,

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*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *June 2, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstract of bills of health issued during the week ended May 31, 1902. Three bills of health were issued to vessels carrying 312 crew and 791 passengers; 411 steerage passengers were bathed, and 465 pieces of steerage baggage were disinfected by formaldehyd. During the past week there occurred in Yokohama 3 cases of enteric fever with 1 death.

The health of the Empire, Formosa excepted, continues satisfactory as regards quarantinable diseases.

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*Cholera at Karatsu.*NAGASAKI, *June 23, 1902.*

The SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington, D. C.*:—Cholera Karatsu, coal exporting port.—HARRIS, *United States Consul.*